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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136 FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 within which to respond to the Final Action mailed May 14, 2004. Applicants mailed a response with a certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8 on July 13, 2004 which was within two months of the mailing date of the Final Action. Thus, the period of time for response should be extended to the mailing date of the Advisory Action on October 6, 2004. Accordingly, the Notice of Appeal submitted herewith should require only a one month extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee of \$110.00 to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-642/RCK. If a larger extension of time is required for the Notice of Appeal submitted herewith, the Commissioner is hereby petitioned for such extension and authorized to charge the necessary extension fee of to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-642/RCK.

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